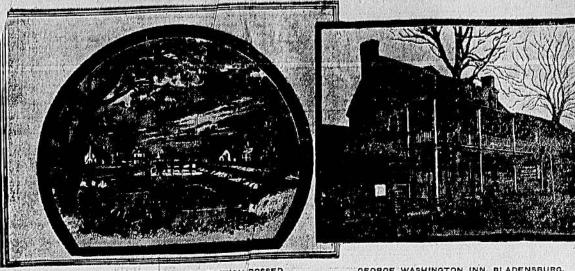
ANNIVERSARY OF BURNING OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL



BRIDGE AT BLADENSBURG OVER WHICH BRITISH ROSSED. (Special to The Times-Dispatch)

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WABHINGTON, August 22,—Monday,
August 2th, marks the eighty-ninth anniversary of the sacking and burning of
the National Capital by the British army
under General Ross, but the real torchbearer was Sir George Cockburn, whose
record showed that he delighted in such.
Ross had carried on war in the Pennirsula and in France under a different
spirit, and it was his wish that the American capital should be treated as it was,
but he was forced to obey orders. With
Cockburn to lead, the work was accomplished speedily; the unfinished Capitol,
the Library of Congress, the White
House, the War and Treasury buildings,
the Arsenal and Barracks, together with
a number of private residences, were soon

the National Intellineer, the government organ, and, buth General Ross, he would have destroy every office and dwelling in the city.

AT THE W/TE HOUSE.

It was at the Wie House where the British took the gitest delight in their fearful work, and/fier mutilating and destroying valuab) furniture, paintings, crockery and suchticles, the men scated themselves athe dining table and partook of a spleid dinner, which Mrs. Malson had his prepared for guests. Their repast in thome of the American President finish Cockburn aided his men in applyingle torch to the splendid building. Mrs. Milson had been warned by the President/servant to seek a place of safety, but fore leaving the White House she secur the original Declaration of Indenpender, and had the full length portrait of Geral Washington taken from the framind carried to the building now owneby the Cosmos Club, one of the gentle[®] assisting Mrs. Maldson in this workbeing Mr. Jacob Parker, of the gentlen assisting Mrs. Madison in this workbeing Mr. Jacob Parker,

GEORGE WASHINGTON INN, BLADENSBURG.

afterward a well known banker of New | Ross All night long the British kept up their work of plundering and burning, and such a day and night of horrors the city has never known. It was not the intention of General Ross to hold the territory acquired by conquest, and on the evening of the 25th, they retreated toward that record of modern warfare. President Madrecord of modern warfare. record of modern warfare. President Madison said in his mesage:
"They destroyed the public edifices, having no relation in their structure to operations of war, some of these edifices being also costly monuments of taste and of the arts, and others depositories of the public archives, not only precious to the nation as the memorials of its origin and its early transactions, but interesting to all nations as contributions to the general stock of historical instruction and political science.

ington.

It has always been charged that the "President and Cabinet were napping or the British would never have landed at Bladensburg," and General Winder had impossibilities required of him by the Secretary of War, there being only fitz regular troops at his command, notwithstanding the fact that general uneasiness had prevailed for many weeks, and there had been ample time to con-

Ross and Cockburn, saying: "Willingly would we throw a veil of oblivion over our transactions at Washington. The Cossacks spared Paris, but we spared not the capital of America." Yet England's guus were fired in honor of Ross, who was killed at Corsuch's farm, seven miles from Baltimore, and about the same distance from North Point, where the British over all military affairs. The British were at consuches and a monument to Ross, who was killed at the door of the cupital of America." Yet England's guus were fired in honor of Ross, who was killed at Corsuch's farm, seven miles from Baltimore, and about the same distance from North Point, where the British dead and there was no that landed. Parilament authorized the invaded. Winder's headquarters were at on horseback. This was 10 c'clock in care of their guns only. Twice were Its early transactions, but interesting to all nations as contributions to the general stock of historical instruction and political science.

CONDEMNED AT HOME.

The London Statesmen newspaper was bitter in its denunciation of the work of

MAIN STREET OF TOWN.

ceived. General Winder ordered General Smith with his troops to move toward. Biadenaburg: Barney, with his four or five hundred seamen was sent the same way, and the Secretary of State was sent to ald Stansbury. The Secretary of War followed, then the President and Attorney-General, with friends on horseback. This was 10 o'clock in the morning, and by noon the Maryland soldiers, some regulars and others volunteers, were in position to aid in the protection of the capital.

VICTORY WAS EASILY WON.
Half an hour after noon the British

WHITE HOUSE AND CAPITOL AFTER VISIT OF BRITISH.

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Half an hour after noon the British
were marching down the main street of
Biddensburg and pressing on toward the
bridge, but were for the time being
driven back by the Americans' cannons.
The second attempt to cross the bridge
was met with an artillery fire from
Winder's first and second lines, sweeping
down a whole company, and Pinckney's
concealed riflemen poured hot shot into-

tinually reinforced and pushed gallantly to the front, some over the bridge and heavily upon the first and unsupported compelled to fall back upon the second cetary of State

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the Arsenal and Barracks, together with a number of private residences, were soon in flames, and nothing was left but their smoking ruins. The Americans added to the horror by setting fire to the navy-yard and a vessel, and the Virginia end of the long bridge, while Cockburn's men

All Are Much Stirred Up Over Oyster Legislation.

POOR WATERMELON CROP

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A Proposed Stage Line from Lee Hall or Williamsburg to Yorktown—Much Freight Goes from Lee Hall to Yorktown Aiready.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

YORKTOWN, VA., August 22—All of the tongmen are extremely anxious to learn the condition of the public seeding the tongmen are extremely anxious to learn the condition of the public seeding the tongmen are extremely anxious to learn the condition of the public seeding the tongmen are extremely anxious to learn the condition of the public seeding the tongmen are extremely anxious to learn the condition of the public seeding the summer here with his familty. Mr. Bobert S. Rives, the well known and making an active fight for the Logistonese good times for the oystermen, and making an active fight for the Logistonese of the eyster trade are watching for result in oyster legislation during the next selon of the General Assembly, and the are very careful to withhold their signort from any legislative candidate, we they have reason to believe is in a manner favorable to the Jordan bill. Not the control of the primary on September 24th.

All Lines to the Tomber International Capital.

All those in any way connected with the oyster trade are watching for result for the primary on September 24th.

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A THOUSAND DAYS BEHIND SCHEDULE

Thus Ran A Texas Train. But It Arrived Allee

BEAMONT, TEXAS, August 15.—On Sundaynorning, July 36th, the only train running on the Gulf and Interstate Rall-road pled into the passenger station at Beaumt Just 190 dayse late. Starting fri Galveston on the morning of Septeer 8, 1900, it has been stalled half way tween the two cities since that date, incelai restivities marked the arrival the belated No. 1.

Of a passengers who started with the trainsany met their death. The others wall and rode, in wagons, leaving the engl more than two years and a half belt. In the wind, rain and weather thealin has stood where it was stalled so is ago only to be finally rescued anyrought to cover as a relic of other death. The same locomotive that startod soing ago pulled the same weatherby and dilapuated coaches through the destination that should have been ried four hours after the start was frie.

HABITS OF WILD BIRDS

The Tree Swallows' Tenacity in Home Duties.

CUCKOO NOT A BUILDER

Tays in Other Birds' Nests-Instances of Courage-The Partridge Attacks Intruder-Defense of Young.

By EDWARD B. CLARK.
Associate member American Ornithologists, Union.)
If you are looking for luck put a starch

If you are looking for luck put a starch box with a hole in it on your roof and get a tree swallow for a neighbor. The bird is equally at home above the city streats and about the country streams. All it asks is a place to nest and a welcome. The Indian held the tree swallow, with the purple martin, a mascet of mascots. In the olden days every tepee pole had a sourd at its top for the use of either species, and the brave who had no summer bird twittering above his door looked for evil happenings.

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TREE SWALLOWS SEEK CITIES.
The tree swallow (Tachycineta bicolor) originally dwelt in hollow trees along the water courses. The custom is followed largely to-day, but the bird has found that among men there is protection from its natural enemies, and so it is gradually forsaking old ways and seeking civilization. This swallow is a beautiful bird. It has pure white underparts, while its back and sholders, when the, sun strikes them, are a shimmering green.

An experimenting friend of mine put a box on the roof of his city residence. A pair of tree swallows came and dwelt



saved the eggs from destruction with the close, soft feathers of her breast, and before long four little tree swallows peeped out of the entrance hole ready

peeped out of the for their first flight. peeped out of the entrance hole ready for their first flight.

One of the most abundant woodpeckers, the flicker (colaptes auratus), like the tree swallow, is Joath to leave the place it has chosen for a summer home. The flicker nests in a hole which it holiows out of a decayed tree. Persons with callous consciences have taken set after set of the eggs of the flicker, the bird keeping up the laying and the attempt to raise a family until nature was well-nigh exhausted.

The flicker has nearly forty names. It is known in different parts of the country as high hole, yellow hammer, pigeon woodpecker, yarrup, yellow-shafted flicker, and so on to the end of the list. It is abundant overywhere, and in recent



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the mother robin sat on her proclous eggs through the terror of it all. The edges of the nest were cut and torn, but the body of the structure held, and the brave bird saved her eggs. Another tobin, with a home near at hand, had exactly the same experience.

BIRD COURAGE.

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There is a vast difference in the courage of birds—the moral courage if one may so call it. The domestic instinct in some of them is developed so highly that they will brave all and suffer all rather than abandon their homes. There apparently are unconcerned when their nests are harried, and even though it be early in the season they will give over all thought of offspring and appear to be rather glad than otherwise that they are not to be burdended with the cares of a family.

family.

It is pleasant to be able to say that the heartless ones among the songsters are very much in the minority. Man has spent time and study in the effort to fix the reason for the migration of the birds. By far the most pootical, if not the most satisfactory, theory which can be advanced is that the northward fiving of the birds in the spring is promoted by the bone love an extrance in most songthe home love, as strong in most song-sters' hearts as it is in the hearts of

sters' hearts as it is in the hearts of humans.

I once saw a female oriole at work building her nest. The male oriole sensibly leaves this work to his mate for his brilliant coloring would attract the attention of the fees of bird life to the nesting site. The mother oriole had the nest about half completed. I noticed that she labored when she flew, and that on the ground the movements were awknard. A closer inspection showed that the bird had a broken leg. She tolled away heavily. "Have I not come thousands of miles to the old home scenes?" doubtless was the thought in her bird mind, "and must I not once more swing the cradle for my hables?"

That devoted oriole worked painfully for an hour within my sight. She found a piece a string at the last and wove it into the structure at the tips of the elm's dropping branches. It was a

elm's drooping branches. It was a final effort and she fell fluttering and dying to earth. I killed the oriole, being

IN DEFENSE OF YOUNG. Once while passing through a wooded ravine, near the city, I was attacked by a mother ruffled grouse (Bonasa umbel-



CEDAR BIRD AND YOUNG, LATE SUMMER NESTING.-PHOGRAPHED FROM LIFE,

lus) locally called partridge. The assault was as sudden as a shot. I knew nothing of the bird's presence until I heard a whirr like a mill wheel and heavy body struck my knee. Startled, I sprang back and then looked down. There three feet in front of me was the grouse, with every feather on end, while she sputtered and bissed like the angry she sputtered and hissed like the angry old hen that she was. Again she came at me, but I had heard of the trick before, and I paid little attention to my antagonist, but looked carefully about the ground for a sight of her little ones that I knew were souttling for shelter, while their parent made a diversion in their favor. I saw the last two as they disappeared under the brush. Then the mother was away like a bolt and I walked on gingerly, fearing to tread out innocent life lying close to earth beneath the fallen leaves and boughs.

The Valentine Museum

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THE JAMESTOWN **EXPOSITION**

Mr. Theodore Wool Appointed to Charge of Office of the

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., August 22.—The Jamestown Exposition Company has requested Mr. Theodore J. Wool, of Ports mouth, one of the wice-presidents of the the company, and arrange for the sale of charter by the 1st of January, and practi cally assure the holding of the exposition

Mr. Wool states that he reluctantly well the difficulty to be encountered, but feeling that he will use his time, energy and ability in showing to the people, es pecially to those of our State, the great advantages that will come from the holding of the exposition.

He believes that when the people do realize the benefits to accrue to our placing the exposition on a sound finan cial footing. Subscriptions to the capita stock of the company are what is needed at this time. The payments on the sub

The company, as at present. is managing the affal exposition for the time on a sufficient amount

the exposition for the time being. When a sufficient amount of the stock has been pinced to assure the holding of the exposition, the stockholders will be called together, and they themselves, will select their officers and directors.

The exposition can only be held successfully by the interest and co-operation of all our people. It is an enterprise of great magnitude, and will require the very best management in order to give to Virginia the credit of holding the first thoroughly successful exposition which shall return to its stockholders the money they have invested in the enterprise.

Consequently, said Mr. Wool, everything connected with the enterprise should be done on broad and patriotic lines.

The present period of financial depres-

sion. largely among moneyed men, will naturally cause some of our best citizens to hesitate in making large subscriptions. But when it is realized that this opportunity only comes once in 300 years, and that it offers a chance to increase our population, develop our resources, increase taxable values and thus harden the securities held by the very men who just at present took askance at any investment, we feel that they will feel justified in backing the enterprise to the Extent of their abilities.

One thousand of our citizens, investing one thousand dollars each in the preferred stock of the Exposition Company,

ing one thousand dollars each in the pre-ferred slock of the Exposition Company, would give the requisite million dol-lars capital, and would only require the payment of \$12 every six months. Some of our patriotic citizens in Richmond and Norfolk, said Mr. Wool, have already subscribed amounts ranging from \$500 to \$2500 to the preferred slock, while one \$2,500 to the preferred stock, while one subsymption to the common stock has been nade for as large a sum as \$25,000. This, i, view of the fact that no organized is yet been made to place the

Mr. Wool expects to open the office of Mr. Wool expects to open the office of the company next Monday in the New Atlantic Hotel building. Norfolk, and expresses the hope that when the plan is fully understood by our citizans, as will be outlined in the press from time to time, that every man and woman in Tidewater Virginia and throughout the whole State will give thoughful consideration to the amount of stock they can afford to take and send in their subscriptions on blanks which will be furnished by the company, without making it necessry to employ a large agency force to sell the stock.

Compliments Mr. Kolner.

The Martinsville Standard has the fol-owing to say editorially in regard to the york of Commissioner Koiner and the

International state of the work of Commissioner Kolner and the work of Commissioner Kolner and the work of Commissioner Kolner and the Lorentz of the state of Commissioner of the rapid strides that Virginia is making under the wise administration of Hon. G. W. Kolner, commissioner of agriculture, and his able assistants, the members of the Board of Agriculture, Especially are the farmers of the Fitth Congressional District to be congratulated for the improved methods in farming which they are adopting. Much of the improvement in farming in this section of the State is due to the new life that has been infused into the farmers by Commissioner Kolner and his coworker, Hon. J. M. Barker, member of the Board of Agriculture for the Fifth district.

Will Visit Texas Oil Fields.

Mr. C. A. Richardson will leave the city this week on a business trip to Texas. He will spend several weeks at Sour i.a. o in the great oil district. Mr. Richardson goes to Texas specially in the interest of stockholders in Atlantic and Pacific Oil Company and Interstate Petroleum Company.

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